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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Emergency Preparedness Handbook for Typhoons, Earthquakes, Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations, and Pandemic Disease

1. During your tour in Japan you can expect to experience, in some degree, the effects of two major natural hazards: typhoons and earthquakes.
2. Typhoons can occur at any time with the highest frequency (85%) occurring from July through October. Most typhoons take a few days before reaching us here on the Kanto Plain; thus giving our community time, which if used wisely, can reduce incidents of property damage or personal injury.
3. Earthquakes are unpredictable with literally hundreds happening throughout the year; most go unnoticed except by scientists. Although the vast amounts of earthquakes are minor, we must prepare ourselves to take the appropriate actions in the event of a major earthquake.
4. Installation plans are prepared to minimize personal and property damage should either natural disaster occur. However you and your family members must realize that the basic services such as electricity, running water, and telephone services may be disrupted for significant periods of time. Therefore, it is necessary that you and your family members prepare to survive without these services for at least a week.
5. Non-combatant Evacuation Operations (NEO) is the evacuation of non-deployable Soldiers, non-emergency essential Department of Defense civilians, dependents, and selected third country nationals from the host country. Considering Japan's socio-economic infrastructure and the U.S./Japanese alliance, the likelihood of executing a NEO operation is remote. Nonetheless, we must prepare for this operation should situations dictate otherwise.
6. With the identification and emergence of Avian flu, the potential for a pandemic disease is a growing concern worldwide. Because of Japan's proximity to some of the areas affected by the Avian flu, and the international business hubs of Tokyo and other major cities in Japan, the installations in Japan are preparing necessary actions in the event of a pandemic event.
7. This pamphlet will provide information that will assist you and your family in preparing for emergencies should they occur. Read it! Implement its recommendations as feasible and keep it readily accessible. An electronic version of this handbook is available at: <http://www.usarj.army.mil/scripts/localconditions/index.asp>.
8. The point of contact for this action is Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security at 263-7160.

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